

GM697

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, STUART LAU, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Current Referral: CPH

Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 697, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STUART LAU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Taniguchi, and I am the Executive Officer for the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Lau's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Lau has served on the Board since July 1, 2017. Mr. Lau has attended all but one board meeting. Mr. Lau is an owner/property manager of a number of properties, including properties held by Queen Emma Land Company. Mr. Lau has many years of experience in property management, including tenant leasing, management, repair and maintenance, renegotiations, and arbitration.

Mr. Lau has a strong public service background, having previously served as a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board from 1994 to 2002 and as its Chair from 2000 to 2001. Following his term on the Board, Mr. Lau served as a member of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from 2002 to 2006.

The Board's mission to effectively oversee the motor vehicle repair industry in Hawaii will continue with his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

APRIL 9, 2019

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION
AND HEALTH**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

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MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, STUART LAU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023.**

TESTIMONY OF:

DOUGLAS H. INOUE

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

This letter is in support of Stuart Lau’s reappointment to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board (“MVRIB”). My name is Douglas Inouye and I have been practicing law in Hawai`i for the past 27 years. I am currently in-house counsel for a large nonprofit organization. I am a former deputy Attorney General and worked as an attorney in the private sector for a number of years. I have known Stuart for over twenty years now both professionally and personally. As a veteran MVRIB member, I believe he has performed well and has proven he deserves to continue in that position having help keep the board on track with its oversight of the industry.

Stuart’s professional and academic achievements speak for themselves: his undergraduate and master’s degrees in the business arena and his experience in commercial and real estate matters. Your time is valuable so I will not take up more of it rehashing his accomplishments and credentials as you have undoubtedly been provided with more than enough materials covering such matters; however, I do wish to point out the kind of person he is and the quality of his interpersonal skills based on my observations and dealings with him. Things not normally found in a resume.

1. Work ethic: Stuart is clearly a hard worker as I cannot count the times that I called to find him still at his office after regular business hours.
2. Temperament: I have never seen Stuart lose his cool or temper even under pressure. In fact, Stuart has a very soothing, almost calming

demeanor about him.

3. Above all, I have observed Stuart to be very open-minded and even-keeled in his approach to most matters and I think this in turn helps him to be fair and assists him in exercising sound, reasoned judgment.

For all these reasons and more, I hope that you will confirm Stuart's appointment to the MVRIB. In my humble opinion, Stuart is and will continue to be a fine, if not outstanding, board member. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas H. Inouye', written over a horizontal line.

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April 11, 2019

Via Email (baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Attention: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Re: G.M. No. 697 – Nomination of Stuart Lau to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

I write this letter in support of the nomination of Stuart Lau to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Through my position as an in-house counsel at a nonprofit organization, I have had the pleasure of working with Stuart for eight years before his recent retirement from our organization. In his role managing and overseeing various aspects of the company's real estate holdings and projects, Stuart demonstrated tremendous knowledge and expertise in not only the day-to-day operations of such matters but also in understanding and supporting the company's progress toward its big-picture goals. Stuart is thoughtful, organized, diligent, and resourceful. His integrity and strong personal character make him a trustworthy and reliable colleague. Additionally, his respectful demeanor and good humor would make Stuart an excellent addition to the Board.

I strongly support Stuart's nomination to the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Sincerely,



Kaleen Miyasato